



THIRD MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
04 - 05 July 2005, Bonn, Germany

**OVERVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL REVIEWS NECESSARY FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

Introduction

In accordance with paragraph 7.4 of the AEWA Action Plan “*The Agreement Secretariat, in coordination with the Technical Committee and the Parties, shall prepare a series of international reviews necessary for the implementation of this Action Plan, including*

- a) *Reports on the status and trends of populations;*
- b) *Gaps in information from surveys;*
- c) *The networks of sites used by each population, including reviews of the protection status of each site as well as of the management measures taken in each case;*
- d) *Pertinent hunting and trade legislation in each country relating to species listed in Annex 2 to this Agreement;*
- e) *The stage of preparation and implementation of single species action plans;*
- f) *Re-establishment project; and*
- g) *The status of introduced non-native waterbird species and hybrid thereof”.*

At the 5th and the 6th meeting of the Technical Committee the issue was addressed what progress has been made regarding the reviews mentioned-above.

Furthermore in accordance with paragraph 7.5 of the Action Plan “*The Agreement Secretariat shall endeavour to ensure that the reviews mentioned in paragraph 7.4 are updated at intervals of not more than three years”.*

In addition to this paragraph 7.6 describes that “*The Technical Committee shall assess the guidelines and reviews prepared under 7.3 and 7.4 and shall formulate draft recommendations and resolutions relating to their development, content and implementation for consideration at sessions of the Meeting of the Parties”.*

The Secretariat has responded to question of the Technical Committee on the progress made regarding the international reviews that with exemption of the Report on the status and trends of population none of the reviews have been initiated so far. Main reason for this is lack of resources.

However it is expected that with the implementation of the African-Eurasian GEF project 1) Gaps in information from surveys and 2) The network of sites used by each population, including reviews of the protection status of each site as well as of the management measures taken in each case could be tackled. The means that only reviews mentioned-above under d) to g) are still open. Regarding the stage of preparation and implementation of single species action plans a review could be drafted by the Secretariat based on the information through the National Reports.

ACTION REQUESTED FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Technical Committee and the Secretariat request the Standing Committee to take note of the fact that not much progress could be made on the series of international reviews necessary for the implementation of the Action Plan. The Standing Committee is also requested to give guidance and advice on how to proceed with this series of reviews.